Electronics and TV Manufacturers Association (CETMA) in their recommendations of Government for Budget, 1992-93 have stated that because of severe drop in demand over the last three years more than 30 per cent small scale units in TV industry have become sick. To revive these sick units, they have made a number of suggestions. The salient features of the suggestions are:

Excise Duty :

Item	Suggestions by CETMA
51 cms.	B& W—Duty on picture tube to be brought down 10% advalorem.
36 cms.	B & W—Shifting of additional excise duty currently levied on TV sets to picture tubes.
12 cm.	B & W—Exception from excise duty as in the case of 36 cms. B & W TVs.
	51/53 cms.—Excise duty should be brought down to Rs. 1500/- CTVs.
36 cms.	CTVs—Excise duty should be brought down to Rs. 900/- Electronic Components

Excise duty should be reduced to maximum of 10%.

CUSTOMS DUTY :

Item	Suggested Rate Total (Basic· Aux.)
Raw material not made in the country	0%
Other raw materials	10%
Capital goods	10%
Piece parts	25%
Components	30%
Sub-assemblies	55%
Equipment	60%

Most of importing countries asked for TV sets in SKD|CKD conditions. Brand rate for duty draw back should be allowed for export of TV sets in SKD|CKD conditions also.

The duty draw back rates on export of TV sets shuld be revised taking into account the recent devaluation of rupee.

The duty draw backrate for 51 cms B&W TV should also include the excise duty on TV components.

All duty draw back rates may be fixed for 31|44 cms B&W TV sets and 36 cms CTV sets.

The additional excise duty of Rs. 100 should not be leviable on export of TV sets.

(c) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

New Colour TV manufacturers to use foreign trade marks

2361. SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to permit the new colour TV manufacturers to use foreign trade marks and foreign brand names; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) & (b) In keeping with the various schemes of liberalisation announced by the Government on 24th July, 1991 for attracting foreign investment in India and for rapid industrial growth, it has been decided to remove any restriction on the use of brand name|trade mark, whether foreign or Indian owned, in India provided these do not violate any sta-

tute rules or regulations of this country.

The use of trade mark is not subject to prior approval of the Government until and unless, in case of foreign owned trade mark, it involves any direct or indirect consideration or where the use of foreign owned trade mark has been restricted by the Government in any industrial or foreign collaboration approval.

Standard code for computers and Electronic teleprinters

2362. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the standard code for computers and electronic teleprinters is final;

(b) if not what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the codes for bilingual data processing are likely to be changed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) Yes, Sir. The Bureau of Indian Standards has already published the final version "Indian Script Code for Information Interchange" (ISCII) which can be used for Computers and Teleprinters.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Replacement of the machines are not envisaged for introducing the Standard Code. The necessary hardware and software add ons for bilingual data processing using the ISCII codes are commercially available.

Bilingual data processing for Computer system

2363. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is mandatory for Government Departments or Public Sector Undertakings to buy bilingual data processing facility for every computer system installed in the organization;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any scheme to provide bilingual processing card/ software at a low price; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSION (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. As per instructions issued by the Government all Computer Systems (including Computers, Word Processors, Advanced Ledger Posting Machines, Data Entry equipments etc.) are to be purchased only in bilingual form i.e. having facilities for data entry in *Hindi alongwith English*. These instructions are applicable to all Ministries/Departments of Central Government, their Attached and Subordinate offices and all Companies and Corporations owned or controlled by the Central Government.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Food Processing Industrial units

2364. SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATRAMAN:
SHRI J. S. RAJU:
SHRI MISA R. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of food processing industrial units in the country;

(b) the number of them which are functioning successfully and what is the foreign exchange earnings from this industry during the last three years;